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**EIGHT POINT BUCK** - Al Peters, 131 Washington St., right, proudly displays the huge buck he shot on Salem Mountain on opening day of buck season. Accompanying Al are friends Mike Vadella and Jamie Hunter.



**SEVENTEEN INCH SPREAD** - Jay Secko, 50 Shamrock St., left, stopped by the NEWS office with his friend Jim Antidors, 47 Fear St., to display the eight point buck he shot in West Clifford on the first day of buck season. (NEWS photo)

## Hunting could be an exciting sport, unless, of course, you are a slob

By MIKE PETROVSKY

Jones the cold rainy weather has increased the number of those hunting on end and most hunters having at least one opportunity to try their luck trail among slob in the woods. It is time to admire game law which states that an individual failing to tag his animal properly is subject to a \$20 fine. Jones went to a butcher shop the night of the first day of the season.

David Jones of 142 Pike St., a game protector for the northern portion of Lackawanna County and who is employed full time as a city firefighter, told us about the SPORTS and SLOBS.

SPORT stands for Sportsmen Patrolling Our Kanks Together. Hunters who are SPORTS not only abide by hunting laws and ethics but encourage others to do so. "Slob" on the other hand is not an acronym.

Jones told the NEWS that the "slob" seems to be out in force this year and their most common trait seems to be "road hunting." Road hunting, or stalking and animal from inside a vehicle is illegal in Pennsylvania and hunters who are caught with a loaded gun in their vehicle are considered to be road hunting and are subject to a \$20 fine. Jones said the road hunting law is actually designed to protect the hunter from injury in the event that a loaded gun would discharge in his vehicle. According to another slob:

The deer tag is given to a hunter when purchasing a license. Each hunter is allowed one tag and therefore allowed to "harvest" one deer. Jones told the NEWS that some people will go as far as using the name of someone who doesn't hunt to purchase a second license just to get away and to make the best of what's left of the season.

"Spotting," the act of using a spotlight or car headlights to look for deer or other game animals, is legal in Pennsylvania, from dusk to midnight. Jones said that some slob will take their weapons along with them while spotting with the intention of shooting an animal at night, which is illegal. Anyone found with a weapon while spotting deer is subject to a minimum fine of \$300 according to the state game laws.

Jones said, however, that one of the worst traits of the "slob" is hunting on private property without permission. There is no game law requiring hunters to get a property owner's permission before hunting on private property but common courtesy dictates that one should ask permission.

Other "slob" traits include hunting without a license, hunting out of season, using automatic weapons and not wearing at least 100 square inches of bright colored clothing. Jones said that before he became a game warden he was an avid hunter and he said that now he is hunting "slob" the most illusive and challenging game of all.

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## "Snooky" Cerra was custodian for 35 years

### He was the man behind the scenes

By Mike Petrovsky

August "Snooky" Cerra Jr., 7 Villa St., graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School in May, 1940 and exactly one year later - May 1, 1941 - he started his career as a custodian for the school.

When Ben Franklin closed, Snooky then worked at the new Carbondale Area Junior-Senior High School where he remained until he retired last June.

Cerra was given his nickname "Snooky" at birth by his father, the late August Cerra, who also worked as a custodian for Ben Franklin from 1931 to 1941. Being 8 years old and in good standing with his former instructors, Snooky did not find it hard to get along with both teachers and students.

"I found it easier to relate with the students at that time because I was on their level."

As a custodian Snooky used to do repair and maintenance work which included task such as fixing broken desks, repairing window shades, changing light bulbs and shoveling snow. He spent most of his time, however, in the boiler room.

The four story building (including the gym, sports equipment room and band room) was heated by two hand-fired coal boilers and Cerra said he would have to get to school by 5 a.m. to start them. He also said he would have to "fire-up" the boilers on weekends and holidays so the pipes wouldn't freeze. Though the boilers were efficient in heating the school, Snooky said they did have their problems.

"Sometimes school would have been cancelled because one of the tubes inside a boiler would burst," Snooky told the NEWS that each of the school's boilers had 100 copper tubes that were 13 feet long and 3 inches in diameter. "When one of the tubes went the whole system was down and repairmen would have to be called from Scranton to fix it."

Cerra saw many changes in his 35 years as a custodian at Ben Franklin. "In 35 years you see a lot of kids come and go," Snooky also remembered the sturdy wooden desks which were bolted to the floor and which were later replaced to suit the changing times. He also welcomed the installation of fluorescent light fixtures with bulbs that didn't have to be replaced as often as incandescent ones.

Snooky's main outside interest was following school sports, particularly the boys varsity basketball team. "I never got the chance to participate in basketball court, he was considered a school because I didn't have the size."

Although Cerra never achieved fame on the football field or the basketball court, he was considered by many to be a high school hero. His work as a custodian was commended by Gertrude A. Krantz and William McDonough, both former principals of the school. Krantz told the NEWS that Cerra was part of a custodial staff that was always praised in school evaluations and McDonough called Snooky a "live wire" who was always one of the first to volunteer his services for school functions.



Snooky Cerra



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## Alan Daugevelo is awarded Carnegie Medal

Fifteen months after he pulled a North Scranton woman and her husband from a wrecked car in danger of exploding, Alan Daugevelo was honored Saturday by the residents of Forest City, his hometown.

More than 150 persons crowded into the Forest City American Legion to see the 20-year-old volunteer fireman receive the Carnegie Medal of Honor.

The announcement of the award, which is accompanied by a \$2,000 stipend, was announced March 1, but the official presentation was not made until the testimonial.

Winning a medal was the last thing Daugevelo had on his mind on August 22, 1982, when he spotted the flaming wreckage of a car and pickup truck as he drove along Route 171 in Simpson.

The truck had already been derailed by flames, but a woman in the car was trying for help. Daugevelo had to jump into the car to free Mrs. Jean Nidoh who was wedged under the dashboard.

He then returned to the car, while its underside was being locked by flames, to pry open the driver's side door and free Mrs. Nidoh's husband, Nicholas, who eventually died several hours later.

The presentation of the medal was made by Forest City Mayor Paul J. Amadio.

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